

#### **Department of Community and Human Services**

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# DCHS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS for Greater Maple Valley area (counted by zip codes):

## **Unincorporated Area Council (UAC) Support**

DCHS provides direct service to the UACs in the role of the Community Service Representative,
 Marissa Alegria, serving as a liaison between the UAC and county government.

## **Mental Health**

- Mental health services are available throughout King County, including inpatient and outpatient treatment, case management, individual and family therapy, medication management, vocational training and housing assistance.
- 24/7 telephone crisis help is available through the Crisis Clinic (1-888 4-CRISIS).
- 24/7 investigation and detention services are available for involuntary commitment.
- Mental health services (crisis response, inpatient and outpatient services) were provided to a total of 800 adults and children in the Maple Valley area in 2005 (up from 770 in 2004).

## **Chemical Dependency**

- Chemical dependency treatment is available at community-based agencies throughout King County. Services include inpatient and outpatient treatment, detoxification, opiate substitution, housing and vocational assistance.
- Eligibility screening is available at multiple sites, including the King County jails and state Community Services Offices.
- New "Access to Recovery" grant is opening the door to treatment for many, including eight people living in this area.
- Chemical dependency services helped 177 people in 2005, including 43 youth, 119 adults and 15 in opiate substitution treatment.

## **Developmental Disabilities**

- Early intervention services help children with developmental delays ages birth-to-three prepare for school and other daily living activities, as well as providing family resources and aid. A total of 25 infants and toddlers are currently being served from this community.
- Supported employment programs help people with developmental disabilities pursue and maintain employment in the community; 37 people are currently receiving employment services.

### Office of the Public Defender

- Low-income people charged with a jailable offense have the right to legal services.
- Access is coordinated by the Office of the Public Defender at nine sites in King County, including
  jails and courthouses.
- In 2005, OPD served 634 clients in the Greater Maple Valley area at a cost of over \$482,000. This includes 141 juvenile (at-risk youth and truancy) cases and 493 adult (contempt of court, felony, dependency, and adult misdemeanor) cases.

## **Community Services**

**Aging Services:** The Aging Program contracts with the Maple Valley Community Center to support senior center programs (over \$36,000 annually) for health promotion, counseling, information and referral, recreation and socialization, transportation, volunteer opportunities and more.

Senior Center served 1,356 people and 100 homebound elderly received adult day health services.

**Women's Program:** Helps to coordinate emergency supports and aid to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, including hotlines, emergency shelter assistance, legal aid and other help.

Domestic violence victim services were provided to 37 people in the Greater Maple Valley area and sexual assault victim services were provided to 98 people in 2005.

**Veteran's Program:** Assists all low-income veterans and their families with financial aid, housing, employment, counseling and other help. In 2005, we served 37 men and 4 women from the Greater Maple Valley area, including 21 who were disabled vets. No eligible veteran is ever denied service.

**Work Training Programs:** Helps at-risk youth and low-income adults gain education and skills to compete for jobs and build better futures.

- At-risk youth programs served 41 young people in 2005, including 37 in "out of school" programs
  for high school dropout youth (educational services, career counseling, job placement and other
  services) and four who received help to stay in school (tutoring, case management, etc.)
- The Dislocated Worker Program helps adults who have lost their jobs due to downsizing or plant closure by providing retraining, job coaching and other help. They served 101 people in 2005 from the Greater Maple Valley area.

# **Homeless/Housing Assistance:**

- Emergency shelter for homeless individuals/families was provided to 194 people.
- Transitional housing assistance was provided to 77 households.
- Homeless prevention assistance was provided to 37 households.
- Maple Valley Food Bank received Community Development Block Grant funds for construction of the Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Services facility located at 21415 Maple Valley Highway. The new facility increases service space by 3,593 sq. ft, allowing for greater food receiving, storage, inventory, packaging and distribution.
- Funding from DCHS helped fill 5,255 bags of food for distribution.
- Passage Point, former site of the Cedar Hills Addiction Treatment Facility, is proposed for remodel as a transitional housing program for parents needing treatment services to reclaim their lives and reunite with their children.

**Juvenile Justice Intervention/Prevention:** A range of programs help divert at-risk youth from the justice system into treatment, education, training, family services and other supports.

 Prevention programs helped 367 local youth; juvenile justice intervention programs helped 62 in 2005.

**Community Organizing:** Provides mini-grants and technical assistance to communities

- Get On Track (Black Diamond Community Center) Multi-session program focuses on educating youth ages 13 to 17 at risk of entering the juvenile justice system by increasing their protective factors and decreasing their risk factors.
- Maple Valley Youth Council (Maple Valley Community Center) Provides positive
  opportunities for youth through training and education about the dangers of drug/alcohol use
  and dating violence.